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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the Claims in the subject Patent Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame comprising: (a) a front for holding therein two lenses; (b) the front having front end pieces extending rearward at each end thereof, the front end pieces having an upper portion and a lower portion; (c) the upper portion having an upper notch and the lower portion having a lower notch; (d) a clip for attachment to the front end pieces to releasably retain the end pieces together, the clip comprising an end for engagement in the upper notch and the lower notch for retaining the upper portion and the lower portion together, the clip being generally S-shaped and includes: (a) a lower arm operatively connected to (b) an intermediate arm; the intermediate arm being operatively connected to (c) a top arm ; and (d) a lip extending rearward and inwardly from the top arm for providing control of movement of a temple of the spectacle frame.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper notch is in an upper lower edge of the upper portion, the lower notch is in an

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upper a lower edge of the lower upper portion; and the end of the clip comprises a bifurcated end terminating in two spaced-apart tongues for engagement in the upper notch and the lower notch.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame ~~as claimed in claim 1, wherein~~ comprising: (a) a front for holding therein two lenses; (b) the front having front end pieces extending rearward at each end thereof, the front end pieces having an upper portion and a lower portion; (c) the upper portion having an upper notch and the lower portion having a lower notch; (d) a clip for attachment to the front end pieces to releasably retain the end pieces together, the clip comprising an end for engagement in the upper notch and the lower notch for retaining the upper portion and the lower portion together, one of the upper portion and the lower portion having a geometric projection for engagement in and disengagement from a corresponding sized and shaped geometric opening in the other of the upper portion and the lower portion, the engagement and disengagement being by lateral movement only; the clip serving to retain the geometric projection in the geometric opening.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim 2 anyone of
~~claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the upper portion has an upper bracket extending inwardly thereof
and the lower portion has a lower bracket extending inwardly thereof.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in any one of claims 1
to [[5]] 3, further comprising an opening in the front end pieces.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim 5 ~~when~~
 ~~appended to claim 2~~, wherein upper notch is for co-operative engagement with the lower
notch to form an opening; the opening being forwardly of both the geometric projection
and the geometric opening; the upper bracket and the lower bracket being intermediate
the opening, the geometric opening, and the geometric projection; wherein the clip
comprises a tongue extending inwardly and forwardly from the lower arm for enabling
the clip to engage the opening in the front end pieces.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim [[4]] 1,
wherein a narrow gap is formed between the end and the intermediate arm, the narrow
gap being less than a thickness of the front end pieces.

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Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim [[4]] 1,
wherein when the clip is under compression, the lip contacts the intermediate arm to form
a closed loop, the clip being a spring clip.

Claim 10 (Original): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim 5, wherein the temple
comprises: (a) a temple end; (b) a slot extending rearward from the temple end; (c) an
upper pin extending upwardly of the temple end; (d) a lower pin extending downwardly
of the temple end; (e) the slot being able to be compressed by finger pressure to enable
the upper pin and lower pin to engage in pin holes in the upper bracket and the lower
bracket.

Claim 11 (Original): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim 10, further including a
temple end offset portion offset inwardly of the temple, the slot extending rearward
beyond the temple end offset portion, the slot tapering in height from the temple end for
at least the full extent of the temple end offset portion.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims
10 or ~~claim~~ 11, wherein the clip is integral with the temple.

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Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in claim 12 ~~when appended to claim~~ 10, wherein the slot also extends into the top arm of the clip and the clip is integral with the temple.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A spectacle frame as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or to 13, wherein the upper bracket has an upper skirt depending therefrom and the lower bracket has a lower skirt extending upwardly therefrom.

Claim 15 (Original): A clip for engagement with front end pieces of a spectacle frame, the clip being generally S-shaped and comprising: (a) a lower arm operatively connected to (b) an intermediate arm, the intermediate arm being operatively connected to (c) a top arm; wherein (d) an end extends inwardly and forwardly from the lower arm for enabling the clip to engage at least one notch in the front end pieces; and (e) a lip extends rearward and inwardly from the top arm for providing control of movement of a temple of the spectacle frame.

Claim 16 (Original): A clip as claimed in claim 15, wherein a narrow gap is formed between the end and the intermediate arm, the narrow gap being less than a thickness of

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the front end pieces, and when the clip is under compression, the lip contacts the intermediate arm to form a closed loop.

Claim 17 (Original): A clip as claimed in claim 15 or claim 16, wherein the end is bifurcated remote from the intermediate arm and terminates in two L-shaped and spaced apart tongues.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A clip as claimed in ~~any one of claim 15 to claim~~
17, wherein the clip is a spring clip.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A clip as claimed in ~~any one of claims 15 to claim~~
18, wherein the temple is integral with the clip.

Claim 20 (Original): A clip as claimed in claim 19, wherein a slot extends from the top arm of the clip into the temple.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A temple for engagement with front end pieces of a spectacle frame, the temple comprising: (a) a temple end; (b) a slot extending rearward from the temple end; (c) an upper pin extending upwardly of the temple end; (d) a lower

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pin extending downwardly of the temple end; (e) the slot being able to be compressed by finger pressure to enable the upper pin and lower pin to engage in pin holes of the front end pieces; and (f) an integral clip, the clip being generally S-shaped and includes: (a) a lower arm operatively connected to (b) an intermediate arm, the intermediate arm being operatively connected to (c) a top arm; wherein (d) an end extends inwardly and forwardly from the lower arm for enabling the clip to engage at least one notch in the front end pieces; and (e) a lip extends rearward and inwardly from the top arm for providing control of movement of a temple of the spectacle frame, the temple further comprising a rear end with an elongate slot therein with a split end, the rear end being adapted to engage longitudinal grooves of a temple tip.

Claim 22 (Original): A temple as claimed in claim 21, further including a temple end offset portion offset inwardly of the temple, the slot extending rearward beyond the front offset portion, and the slot tapering from the temple end.

Claims 23-24 (Canceled).

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Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A temple as claimed in claim [[24]] 21, wherein a narrow gap is formed between the end and the intermediate arm, the narrow gap being less than a thickness of the front end pieces.

Claim 26 (Currently, Amended): A temple as claimed in ~~claim 24 or~~ claim 25, wherein when the clip is under compression, the lip contacts the intermediate arm to form a closed loop.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A temple as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claim 25 23 to or 26, wherein the clip is a spring clip.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A temple as claimed in ~~any one of claims 24 to~~ claim 27, wherein the slot extends from the top arm of the clip into the temple.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A temple as claimed in ~~any one of claims 21 to~~ claim 28, the temple further comprising a rear end with an elongate slot therein with a split end, the rear end being adapted to engage longitudinal grooves of a temple tip.

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Claim 30 (Original): A temple as claimed in claim 29, wherein the longitudinal grooves end with wells for the split end.

Claims 31-33 (Canceled).